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I.

YOU are daily to attend the Cuſtom-houſe in your reſpective Ports, to examine the Reports of Ships arriving from foreign Parts, that you may know what Exciſeable-Goods are reported, and to ſee what Entries are

paſſed with the Collector of Exciſe for ſuch Goods, that a due Balance may be made, and no part of the Cargo embezzled.

II.

You are to go on board all ſhips arriving from foreign Parts, eſpecially ſuch as come from Places where Exciſeable-Goods are uſually brought from, viz. the *Weſt-Indies*, the *Leeward-Iſlands*, and the Continent of *North-America*, the *Eaſt-Indies*, *Holland*, *France*, *Spain*, *Portugal*, *Dantzich*, *Hamburg*, *Bremen*, and all Places from the *Baltic-Sea*; and there to Rummage for, and take an Account of all ſuch Exciſeable-Goods, as ſhall be found on board.

III.

You are, on your going on board any Ship, or Veſſel, to enquire of the Maſter, Mate, or other Officer, what Exciſeable-Goods are on board, whether

ther on Freight or otherwiſe; and you are to acquaint ſuch Maſter, &c. that if more Exciſeable-Goods are found on your Rummage than he declares, the ſame will be forfeited, eſpecially if they are Brandy and Geneva, in Caſks, Bottles, or other Package, under ſixty Gallons; or Rum in Caſks, Bottles, &c. under twenty Gallons.

IV.

You are to put one or more Tideſmen on board all Ships or Veſſels arriving from foreign Parts, having Exciſeable-Goods on board, and daily to viſit ſuch Ships or Veſſels, to ſee that the Tideſmen are on Duty, and that they keep a true Account in their Book of the Size of each Caſk, and the Quality of Liquor contained therein, by ſpilling and taſting the ſame; you are often to take the Stock on board ſuch ſhips, to prevent any Embezzlement.

V.

You are to return a Diary to the Board, and therein to ſet down the Names of the Watermen that are employed; and if you make any Seizures of Exciſeable-Goods, you are to expreſs the ſame in the endorſed Scheme, on the Back of your Diary, ſetting forth the Packages, Quantity, and Quality of ſuch Goods, as alſo the Cauſe of Seizure.

VI.

If there are Tideſmen at the Port where you reſide, you are to ſee that they give their Attendance, that they may be ready to be boarded as Occaſion may require; and you are to charge the Watermen to be always at hand to attend you in the due Execution of your Office.

VII.

You are to ſee that the Boats be kept clean, and fit for Servce; and if you

you find the Watermen are negligent therein, or are idle, drunken, or insolent, you are to report their Behaviour to the Board.

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